IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Chris BERTELO et al.

Examiner: J. Mullis

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Group Art Unit: 1711

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For:

IMPACT ADDITIVE OF THE CORE/SHELL TYPE FOR THERMOPLASTIC

POLYMERS (AS AMENDED)

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sit:

Further to the Amendment filed on March 20, 2000, Supplemental Amendment filed on June 26, 2000, and Second Supplemental Amendment filed on June 27, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 69 as follows:

Claim 69,

Line 8:

After "agent," insert -- and --.

Delete in its entirety.

Line 10:

Delete in its entirety.

Line 11:

Delete in its entirety.

REMARKS

The purpose of this Third Supplemental Amendment is to correct claim 69. Counsel has been advised that it is clear from the specification that the provision regarding the amount of polyorganosiloxane mentioned on page 9, lines 18-21 of the specification, refers to an impact additive wherein the core is composed of a nucleus and also a covering compound. In the case where there is no covering compound, such a limitation would make no sense since at least 60% of the core would constitute the grafting agent and the crosslinking agent.

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Conversely, by inspection of the application; e.g. claim 13 and pages 3 and 4 of the specification, the grafting agent and crosslinking agent are used in very minor percentages of the crosslinked elastomeric core.

Counsel regrets the misreading of the specification and the nuisance to the Examiner by the submission of this Third Supplemental Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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